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Production of Steel

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of steel produced during the last two years, and the projected outlay for the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the steps different steel plants proposed to be taken in this regard;

(c) whether any task force has been constituted to raise the production of iron ore by 1995-96; and

(d) if so, the main features of the scheme prepared by the task force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b). The total quantity of finished steel produced during the last two years and the projected outlay for the 8th Five Year Plan are:-

1990-91	13.53 million tonnes
1991-92 (upto February, 1992)	12.77 million tonnes
8th Plan proposed outlay for the Ministry of Steel (1992-97)	Rs. 24,756.19 crores

The proposed plan outlay being inter-alia for additions, modifications, and replacements of the existing facilities; already approved continuing schemes; modernisations and for the new schemes proposed to be taken up during the 8th plan period, the main plants seek to realise there targets.

(c) and (d). A Task Force on Iron Ore has been constituted in the Ministry of Steel, with the following terms of reference:

(i) To assess the likely demand and availability of iron ore upto 2000 AD.

(ii) To recommend appropriate linkages for domestic users and for exprots.

(iii) To suggest suitable measures to upgrade technology and augment production both in the private and public sector.

Electronic Telephone Exchanges In Kerala

7132. PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of telephone exchanges in Kerala to be replaced by electronic during the Eighth Plan period; and

(b) the number out of them to be replaced during 1992-93?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The draft 8th Plan objectives for replacement of telephone exchanges all over the country including Kerala are: